

Claims 4-5, 8-9 and 11-13 are amended herein.

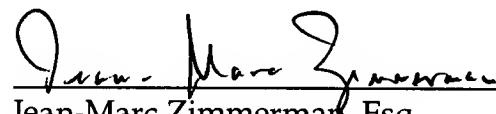
Claims 21-24 were added to the application.

CONCLUSION

Having deleted independent Claim 1 and dependent Claims 3, 6 and 7 which were all rejected, having amended rejected Claims 4-5, 8-9 and 11-13 to depend from allowed independent Claim 2 instead of from rejected Claim 1, and having added new dependent Claims 21 and 22-24 which depend from allowed independent Claims 2 and 20, respectively, the applicant believes that this application stands in condition for allowance.

Should there remain any questions or other matters whose resolution may be advanced by a telephone call, the applicant respectfully requests that the examiner contact the applicant's attorney at (908) 654-8000 in order to resolve any outstanding issues without the necessity of issuing another Office Action.

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